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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my thoughts on the Microsoft antitrust dispute. Microsoft is a company that has contributed a great deal to our society and the technology industry. Not only am I a stockholder, I am a republican voter who believes that "less government is better". I do not feel that Microsoft, or any other company, should be stifled or punished for being successful. They contribute greatly to our society as a whole, and also to the government 'tax rolls'. If other companies do not have the technology that Microsoft has, then those companies should step up to the bar- set by Microsoft. We should not lower the bar, nor punish companies, for being successful. This smacks of socialism- and look at what socialism has created in Russia. In America, it should be that all those who work hard and strive to succeed have a shot at better lives – not to tell them "don't do too well or the government will penalize you for your ingenuity" (while still taking the money that these companies provide through taxes, business licenses, etc). Have the courts thought of the sheer number of people that are employed and are given superior benefits by Microsoft? With companies laying off employees left and right, having a stable job and superior health benefits is becoming a rarity. Obviously, I support the settlement that was reached in November- as do the majority of people that I associate with.

Microsoft should be allowed to focus their energy and resources to more productive activities, rather than litigation. Please support this settlement so this dispute can be resolved. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
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